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1. A 155-kilometer portion of the Baghdad-Kirkuk highway is being rebuilt by European construction firms. The portion being rebuilt lies between the towns of Diltawa and Tanq Chai. The new road will have bituminous macadam surfacing and a width of 12 meters. Except for the crossing of the Injana Ridge, the road will run through flat agricultural or desert areas where construction will generally be on an embankment. The 14 km portion through the mountains will be realigned and will involve considerable earth moving. Some small and medium span bridges of reinforced concrete and numerous culverts are included.

2. The bidding on the project was as follows:

Tenderers

Amount in Iraqi Dinars

1. Entreprises Forgerolle
2. Derbach Bergodsk and Hatembau GMBH
3. Contracting and Trading Co
4. FA Kettaneh
5. Entreprises Internationales and Byrne-Kokkins
6. Iraq Construction Co, Morrison-Knudsen International and Strabag Bau
7. Al Mansour Construction Co Ltd
8. Hocktiff

2,797,798/131
2,871,199/537
2,941,289/277
3,029,068/350
3,690,307/863

3,885,130/419
3,893,588/350
4,092,202/350

3. The contract was awarded to the two lowest bidders as a joint venture, combining French and German firms. No 3 is a local Iraqi firm; No 4 is German; No 5 is a joint French and US venture; No 6 combines Iraqi, US, and German firms; No 7 is Lebanese, and No 8 German. There was an additional bid by a Japanese firm not shown in the above list.

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